

### ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An improved counter-top bar code scanner is equipped with a bump protection mechanism and a scan angle adjustment mechanism. The bump protection mechanism is provided in the form of a protective sheath fabricated of a shock-absorbing material. The scan angle adjustment mechanism is provided in the form of a movable bracket adjustably mounted to the scanner housing. If the bracket is mounted to a fixed surface, the bracket remains fixed but permits adjustments of the housing to any of the plurality of positions relative to the fixed surface.